

Question and Answers

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Q. Wasn't there once some controversy as to the authorship of the poem "Mary's Lamb"?—Curious, Richmond.

A. Yes, the controversy arose late in the life of Sarah Josepha Buell Hale. She instructed her son to declare that she had written every poem in the volume, "Poems for Our Children," which contained the poem and which she had published in 1830.

Q. What can you tell me about West Point, Va.?—H. D., Branchville, N. J.

A. West Point, at the junction of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers, was once an Indian village named Chinquoteck, the seat of Opechancanough, king of the Pamunkeys and brother of Powha-

tan. In 1650, Captain John West, who had been Deputy Governor of Virginia from 1635 to 1637, and was a brother of Lord Delaware, sold his plantation on the York River and moved to West Point. The peninsula was named for him. His son, Colonel John West, opposed Nathaniel Bacon in his rebellion in 1676. Bacon's followers, however, occupied West Point and fortified it strongly. Colonel West later sat on the court-martial that tried the rebels. The West Point estate of 4,000 acres passed from one West to another for many years, and a member of the family was usually to be found representing the county in the House of Burgesses. Delaware Town, on the site of the present town of West Point, was founded in 1704 and incorporated some years later, but kept that name only a short time. During the Revolutionary War, the French, under Lafayette, occupied and fortified West Point during the last two weeks of August, 1781, while Cornwallis was into Yorktown. Howe's "Historical Collections of

Virginia," published in 1845, said: "West Point was, anciently, a large village. It has now but one good house, and the ruins of several others. There is the remnant of the Mattaponi tribe of Indians, now dwindled down to only 15 or 20 souls." West Point today is an incorporated town with a population of 1,910, according to the census of 1950. Its industries include the manufacture of novelty paper, pulp board, furniture, lumber; fisheries; the packing of pickles and oysters.

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